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Sir Wilfrid's Speech

In Moving a Resolution of Condolence in Dominion House of Commons.

Premier's Eloquent and Scholarly Address—Life and Work of the Queen.

Liberal leader, after wishing the King and Queen might have a long and happy reign, took up the political paragraph of the speech from the throne. He asked the House to face the facts in connection with the war. They must not shut their eyes to the gravity of the situation in South Africa. He dwelt at length on the miscalculations of the government, and paid a warm tribute to the army. The position in South Africa presented formidable difficulties. Neither here nor in South Africa was there any idea of fighting. The question was whether the government adequately realized the circumstances and adequately provided for them.

The speaker asked if it was true Gen. Kitchener had asked for more troops. The House would not hesitate to vote for an increase of troops. The number of invaders, but when that was accomplished, then was the moment to make the people of the two states such terms of settlement as, while securing for the Empire all we are contending for, would assuage their fears, save their dignity and restore their personal rights. While supporting the dispatch of such reinforcements as the military authorities at the Cape required, he strongly urged as a solvent infinitely more effective than military measures; that definite proposals should be made at the same time. If they were to keep South Africa, they must win the confidence of the Dutch. Whatever was done must be done openly. The dispatch of peace emissaries was not wise.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, the government leader, followed. In congratulating the King, he said His Majesty had followed precedent in relinquishing to the government all Crown property, and he might be assured that the Commons was ready to make ample provision.

Referring to the question raised by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as to the misconduct of the allied troops in China, he declared that the behaviour of the British troops there had been most exemplary. He admitted that the government had not foreseen that the leaders of the Boers would be "so ill-advised in their own interests and the interests of the country as to continue the struggle."

The government, he said, had exceeded Lord Kitchener's demands rather than fallen short of them, adding that the Boer leaders "knew perfectly well that if they lay down their arms, their persons and property will be respected, and equal rights guaranteed to all."

Mr. William Drummond, National member for East Clare, protested against the war, declaring that he would only believe in colonial support of it when the Australian and Dominion parliaments had voted £1,000,000 each to carry it on.

COMMISSION AT WORK.

Provisional Government is to Be Established in Island of Luzon.

Davao, Province of Pangasinan, Luzon, Feb. 14.—The United States Philippine Commission arrived here this afternoon and will organize a provisional government to-morrow. The commissioners were received by a crowd of people with bands of music and were conducted to the United States army headquarters. Welcoming speeches were delivered on the way. Gen. MacArthur has notified the commission that the province of Tayabas is sufficiently pacified for provincial government, also that the pacification of the other southern provinces, Batangas, Laguna, de Bay and Cavite, will be hastened if provincial government is begun. The commission will organize Tayabas on its way south.

STRATHCONA'S IN LONDON.

Were Stationed Near Buckingham Palace When the King Passed.

London, Feb. 14.—Strathcona's Horse, which arrived from Africa to-day, were stationed near Buckingham Palace when the Royal procession passed on the way to Westminster.

They were the heroes of the crowd. They came in several four-horse brakes, carrying their carbines and wearing informal slouch hats and khaki overcoats. Alighting in front of the Palace they marched down the line to a position a short distance from the Palace, where they were drawn up, while the procession passed. The King saluted them most cordially and the people cheered them most ardently.

SPANISH TROUBLES.

Full Authority in Provinces Turned Over to Weyler.

Washington, Feb. 14.—It is stated here that owing to the inability of the civil government in Madrid to maintain public order, full authority in the provinces has been turned over to Captain General Weyler. It has been found expedient to declare martial law. It is believed that changes in the ministry are unavoidable.

Londoners are warm. They are winter as well as a summer floor cover. Some exceptional pretties are on the market which look just like a carpet, at Weller's. Prices 50c. to \$1.25 a yard.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The eloquent and scholarly speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House of Commons to-day and on the address to His Majesty the King expressing the heartfelt sympathy of Canadians and also expressing loyalty to His Majesty will stand as one of the best he has yet delivered in the Canadian parliament. All the galleries were crowded and almost every member was in his seat. R. L. Borden, the leader of the opposition, seconded the address. He spoke briefly, but to the point.

Premier's Speech. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: I rise to move a resolution of which I gave notice yesterday, and which seems to be admirably suited to the occasion. It is a resolution under which we have met. We have met under the shadow of a death which has caused more universal mourning than has ever been recorded in the pages of history. In those words there is no exaggeration; they are actual truths. There is mourning in the United Kingdom, in the colonies and in many of the islands and of the continents which form the great Empire over which extended the sovereignty of Queen Victoria. There is mourning—deep, sincere and heartfelt—in the mansions of the great, of the rich and in the cottages of the poor and lowly, for to all her subjects, whether high or low, whether rich or poor, the Queen in her long reign had become an object of almost sacred veneration. There is mourning in the hearts of all the nations of Europe; for all of the nations of Europe had learned to appreciate, to admire and to envy many qualities of Queen Victoria, which were a pride of her subjects.

There is genuine grief in the neighboring nation of 75,000,000 inhabitants, which at all times and under all circumstances her name was held in high reverence; and when in the darkest days of the civil war the relations of the two countries were brought almost to the point of snapping, the poet Whittier well expressed the feeling of his country when he exclaimed: "We bow the knee, if not the knee, to England's Queen. God bless her!"

An Example of Justice.

There is weeping and lamentation amongst the subjects and barbarian people heard to-day in the wigwags of the Indian people. Even in the huts of the colored races of South Africa and of India, to whom she was at all times a great mother and a living personification of majesty and benevolence. And there is mourning also as genuine and unaffected as in England in the term houses of South Africa, which have been lately and still are devastated by the war, for it is a fact that above the clang of arms, above many of the dangers engendered by the war, the name of Queen Victoria was always held in high respect, even by those who are fighting her troops, as an example of justice and perhaps her kind hand was much relied upon when the supreme hour of reconciliation should come.

Undoubtedly we may find in history instances where death has caused perhaps more passionate outbreaks of grief, but it is impossible to find an instance where death has caused so universal, so sincere, so heartfelt an expression of sorrow. In the presence of these just evidences of grief which come not only from her own dominions, but from all parts of the globe; in the presence of so many tokens of admiration where it is not possible to find a single discordant note, in the presence of the immasurable void caused by the death of Queen Victoria, it is not too much to say that the grief has just closed upon one of the greatest characters of history.

What is Greatness?

What is greatness after all? We are accustomed to call great exceptional beings upon whom heaven has bestowed the gifts of the choicest gifts to astonish and dazzle the world by the number and variety of their faculties phenomenally developed, when these faculties are much marred by defects and weaknesses, but this is not in my estimation at least the highest conception of greatness. The equipage of faculties well and evenly ordered, judicious insight, calm judgment are gifts which are rarely found in one human being as the possession of the most dazzling or less concealed qualities are found combined with a purity of soul, a kindness of heart, a generosity of disposition, and an elevation of purpose and devotion to duty. That is what seems to me to be the highest conception of greatness, the greatness which is the foundation of a happiness and glory of the people under such a sovereign, and if I mistake not such was the character of Queen Victoria, and such were the results of her rule. It has been our privilege to live under her reign and it must be admitted to be one of the grandest in history, rivaling in length and glory the long reign of Louis XIV and more than likely to project the lustre back over 95 years into the past. Victoria we stand astonished, however familiar we may be with the facts, at the development of civilization during the period. The age of Queen Victoria must be held to be on a par with the most famous since history began. Of course famous facts and occurrences have contributed to make the reign of Queen Victoria what it was to give it the splendor which has created such an impression upon the world, and which has shed such a luminous ray all over the world. Many events took place

apart from her influence. Many events took place in relation to which the most partial panegorists would have to say that they were simply the happy circumstances of the time in which she lived, and that these might have obtained the same degree of development under another monarch.

Development of Literature.

It is possible that literature might have flourished under the reign of another monarch. I think the contention can be advanced that the literature of the Victorian era to some extent reflected the influence of the Queen. To the eternal glory of the literature of the reign of Queen Victoria be it said that it was pure and absolutely free from the defects and grossness which disgraced us in former reigns, and which still unhappily is the shame of the literature of other countries. Happy is indeed the country whose literature is of such a character that it can be trusted as the intellectual food of the family circle, that it can be placed by the mother in the hands of her daughter with abundant assurance that while the mind is permeated the heart is not blighted. Such is the literature of the Victorian age. For this blessing no small credit is due to the example and influence of our departed Queen. It is a fact, well known in history, that in England as in other countries the influence of the sovereign is always reflected upon the literature of the reign. In former ages when the court was impure the literature was impure, but in the age of Queen Victoria while the life of the court was pure, the literature was pure also. If it is correct that there is a connection between the court of the sovereign and the literature of the people, then I must, without hesitation say that Queen Victoria conferred not only upon her people, but upon the writings at large a gift for which we can never have sufficient appreciation.

Model Sovereign.

There are features in Queen Victoria's reign which are directly traceable to her influence, and there are three in particular. It has been stated that she was a model constitutional sovereign, but she was undoubtedly the first constitutional sovereign which England ever had. Up to her time the history of England was a record of contests between the sovereign and the parliament for supremacy. Queen Victoria was the first of all sovereigns who was absolutely impersonal, politically, I mean, whether the question at issue was the abolition of the corn laws or the Crimean war or the disestablishment of the Irish church or home rule in Ireland. The Queen never gave evidence of what her views were upon any of these great political subjects. She had views, for she was a woman of strong intellect, and we know that she followed public events with great eagerness. She left praise or blame always for those who were responsible to the people. That was the wisdom of the part of our late ever-increasing abundance. The reward of the Queen was not only in the gratitude and affection of her people, but in the security of her throne and dynasty. When the troubles of 1848 came, when all the nations of Europe were convulsed by revolution, when thrones were battered by infuriated apoplexies, when the people were in a state of anarchy, when the world was in a state of confusion, when the throne of England never was disturbed, Victoria was firm in the affection of her subjects. As time advanced there was more freedom under the monarchy of England than under any democratic or republican government in existence.

Colonial Development.

But the most remarkable event in the reign of the late Queen was the marvellous movement in colonial development. A colonial development based on local autonomy which has forever set towards imperial expansion. Let us remember that in the first year of the Queen's reign there was a rebellion in Upper Canada and in Lower Canada. Let me say at once that the rebellion was not against the authority of the young Queen, but against the pernicious system of government which she prevailed. That rebellion has been put down by force. If any one had predicted then that when the Queen's reign came to an end these colonies should not be rebellious and yet had not earned their independence, but that they should have been bound into a nation covering one-half of this continent, to all intents and purposes an independent nation under the crown of England, maintaining that supremacy, not by force of arms, but maintaining by only one garrison and that garrison composed of Canadian volunteers. The primary cause of the change is the personality of Queen Victoria. The visible and chief cause of all is allowing the colonies to govern themselves, but self-government in Canada would never have been effective had it not been there was a wise sovereign in England who had herself given full constitutional government in the fullest degree at home they could not have given it to Canada.

Friendship of the States.

There is another important feature of the Queen's reign little taken notice of to-day, but most important. Towards the end of the eighteenth century the colonies of England and America, with a single exception of the French colony of Quebec, claimed their independence and obtained it by force of arms. The contest which was long and acrimonious, left in the breast of the new nation a feeling, shall I say the word, yes, a feeling of hatred, which had even extended to our own time. At this moment happily the feeling has largely abated. I would not say that it has altogether disappeared. Perhaps "there are traces here and there, but it has largely abated and there is no longer between England and the United States an ever-growing friendship. Of all the factors that have

made this conciliation possible, the personality of the Queen was doubtless foremost. From the day of her accession to the throne the Queen exhibited under all circumstances an abounding friendship towards that country, but for the fault of a wretched government would still have formed part of her domain, a friendship which would not fall to touch the hearts of a sensitive people. This was manifest in times of peace, but more in time of war, especially during the supreme hour of trial in the United States during the civil war. An event took place in the early months of the war which almost led to hostilities between Britain and the United States. A United States man-of-war stopped a British merchant ship on the high seas and abducted two envoys of the Confederate forces on their way to Europe.

A Woman's Wisdom.

That act was a violation of the territory of England, because England always held the decks of her ships to be part of her territory. It not only caused excitement in the United States, but it caused a great deal of excitement in the United States. The action of the commander of the war vessel in nullifying the arrest aroused a great deal of enthusiasm among the Americans which was reflected even in congress. Lord Palmerston was prime minister of Britain. He was the man to brook such an affront. He had a dispatch prepared peremptorily demanding the return of the prisoners and an apology. The dispatch was prepared and sent to the Queen, and then was revealed the good sense and kind heart of the wise and good woman who happened to be at the head of the British government. She had a dispatch prepared marking that it was couched in too harsh terms and that it ought to be modified to make a surrender of prisoners possible without any surrender of dignity on the part of the United States. This wise counsel was followed. The dispatch was modified in accordance with her suggestion, the prisoners were released and war avoided. That action on the part of the Queen caused a most favorable impression on the minds of the people of the United States.

Three years afterwards, when the civil war had ended, the world was shocked to hear of the assassination of the wise and good man, Lincoln, who had carried his country through that ordeal. There the good heart and sound judgment of the Queen were again manifested. She sent a letter to the widow of the martyred President, not simply as Queen of Britain to the widow of the President of the United States, but a letter of sympathy from a widow to a widow, herself being then in the first year of her bereavement. That action on her part made a very deep impression upon the millions of American people. It touched not only the hearts of the widows, but the hearts of the whole nation. We can say that it did not bring about conciliation, it made conciliation possible. It was the first rift in the clouds, and to-day, in the time of England's mourning, the American people have flocked to their churches to pay their debts to the memory of British Queen Victoria. For my part I do not hope, I do not believe it possible that the two countries which were severed in the eighteenth century can ever be reunited politically, but perhaps it is not too much to hope that the friendship, its early inaugurated by the hand of the late Queen, may continue to grow and that the two nations, united again, not by legal bonds, but by ties of affection, as strong, perhaps, as if sanctioned by the laws of the two countries, and if such an event is ever to take place, the credit of it will be due to the wise and noble woman who proved herself to be one of the greatest of the statesmen simply by following the instincts of her heart.

Simplicity of Character.

In a life in which there is so much to be admired perhaps one thing most to be admired is that naturalness, that simplicity in character, of the Queen which showed itself in the action just described. From the first day of her reign to the last she conquered and maintained the affections of her people simply because under all circumstances and on all occasions she did the one thing that ought to be done and did it in the most natural and simple way. Thus on the day of her accession she had to meet a council of states and she performed her duty so as to win the hearts of all present. The Duke of Wellington expressed his gratification in the blunt language of an old soldier by remarking that if she had been his own daughter, he could not have expected her to have done better. So it was on the first day; so it was every day.

It was on the last day, too, she was a Queen, but she was also a wife and a mother, and she had her full share of all the joys, the sorrows of life; she loved and suffered. Perhaps after all she had a larger share of the joys than of the sorrows of life, because, as Chateaubriand says, "We have not all to know most of the tears."

Lives in Her Subjects' Hearts.

The life of the Queen was one of the noblest we have ever seen. It can be summed up in the statement that it was a happy life, though death placed a cold hand upon her happiness by the removal of the noble companion of her life at an early age. From that moment she never was exactly the same. To the end of her life she mourned like Rachel weeping for her children and would not be comforted even after the lapse of 40 years of widowhood. And we can apply to her the beautiful language of the French poet, "In her tears she declared her heart's ecstasies." She is now no more. Nay, I holdly say she lives—lives in the hearts of her subjects, lives in the pages of history, and as the ages revolve, there is no people stands more marked against the horizon of time, the verdict of posterity will ratify the judgment of those who were her subjects. She enabled mankind. She exalted royalty. The world is better in her life. Sir, the Queen is no more, let us with one heart say, "Long live the King." I propose that we enter in a resolution to His Majesty to convey an expression of our sorrow at the loss he has suffered, a loss which we may say with every respect is ours also. I propose that we should unite in conveying to the King an expression of the loyalty of his Canadian subjects.

Will Be a Wise King.

Only a few days ago His Majesty, in a message to his broad dominion abroad and at home, said that he hoped that the structure that will be reared upon it will be a fair and stately one, not only in Canada, but throughout the Empire. The House then adjourned.

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The mainland men are expected to arrive on the Charming on Tuesday evening. Half an hour before the steamer...

The little detachment will then proceed up town to the Driford hotel, where after time has been given for a short rest...

The following day will be given over to the reception of the volunteers and for the reception of the hospitalities...

During their stay in the city the members of the band will be quartered at the Driford, as guests of the government...

The Vancouver and Mainland contingents are urged to bring puttees and other field equipment if possible.

The steps to be taken by the city will doubtless be decided upon at a meeting of the patriotic committee which has been convened for 3 o'clock this afternoon at the city hall.

To the men themselves the occasion will be of a most interesting character, and it was impossible to listen to their playful chat last night without being convinced that interesting as the event will be to the public, it will be doubly so to the men themselves.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Lecture by Mr. S. H. O'Dell in Pioneer Hall This Evening.

On Monday morning a meeting of the patriotic committee will be held for the purpose of appointing sub-committees whose duty it will be to forward as much as in their power the Paardeberg gallant.

Richard and Pringle's minstrels, which are booked to appear at the Victoria theatre on Saturday, will no doubt effort to be given by Mr. S. H. O'Dell, of the first contingent, on his adventures in South Africa.

The concert to be given in the Institute hall to-morrow evening by the pupils of Mr. E. G. Wickens, assisted by some of the best local talent, for hospital benefit, promises to surpass all previous efforts of Mr. Wickens's pupils.

PART I. Overture—"Sembrance"..... Rosini Orchestra. Volin Duet—"My Old Kentucky Home"..... (Vocal) Mrs. Mabel Beon and Mr. W. Davies.

NO NIBBLER. An Old Fish Knows Good Bait From Poor. A good old family doctor down in Edenburg, Miss., says he is going to tell the truth about coffee and its effect on him and the remarkable change produced by leaving off and taking Postum Food Coffee in its place.

THE WILLIAMS' PASSENGERS. Steamer Willapa will be well loaded with freight and passengers when leaving here for northern British Columbia ports this evening.

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QUEEN CITY ARRIVES. Steamer Queen City arrived from the West Coast and departed for the Sound early this morning.

Reverts to Old Schedule

Steamer Rosalie Will Return to Her Old Evening Service on Sunday.

Hala Continues Subject of Discussion. Queen City Arrives From West Coast.

Once more the management of the steamer Rosalie has decided to change that vessel's schedule. She has now made but three trips on her present time table, leaving here in the morning, and will inaugurate the change on Sunday.

What move Dowdell & Co. purpose making regarding the working of the Steamer is not announced this morning. So far the company has endeavored to run that vessel almost side by side with the Rosalie, and have continued the 25-cent passenger and 50-cent freight rates.

TUGBOATS IN COMMAND. The ship Hala has evidently been carried out to sea again, and the fact incenses shipping men, because they say if Victoria was not so dependent on Puget Sound tugboats, but rather had a fleet of her own, the ship would have been immediately picked up and would by this time have had a large portion of her cargo discharged.

THE GAZETTE. Unimportant Issue of the Provincial Organ Yesterday. The Provincial Gazette issued yesterday contained few announcements of importance. The new notices are as follows:

AT ROD HILL. The following order has been issued by Major Williams, commanding the Fifth Regiment: "The details selected from Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 companies at the parade on February 14th will parade at the drill hall on Saturday, February 15th, at 1:30 p.m., and proceed by boat to Rod Hill fort, to perform their annual practice. A copy of these details accompanies this order.

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Gay Throng Of Maskers

Brilliant Ball Given Last Night By the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The floor thronged with merry-makers—valuable prizes awarded to dancers.

For weeks past energetic committees of the F. O. E. have been busily engaged in preparing for the second masquerade ball of the order. The initial assembly last year was such a pronounced success that even the hard working committees were dubious as to whether their efforts this year would equal those of last.

Some of the costumes were very pretty indeed, while others were equally interesting in their homeliness. The present klotchman with her basket of clams, hobnobbed with Topsy in her search for her doll; strapping soldiers in khaki threaded the mazes of the waiters with mounds of Japan; cavaliers of the "Reds" were everywhere.

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Ed. Dixon, a prominent merchant of White Horse, who is well known in Victoria, and who spent a week or so in Vancouver as a guest of the Victoria hotel, is now in Vancouver purchasing machinery for his laundry at White Horse, and also a plant for a sawmill at the same city.

Personal.

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Personal.

CHURCH DOOR ROMANCES.

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- Squares, Rugs, Mats, Etc.: 400 Blinds 6ft long, good rollers, dark green color (only), Sale price 25c each; 1,000 sets of oak pole and trimming complete, 5 ft long, were 50c. Sale price 25c.

- Furniture Department: Lounges, Tapestry covered, 6ft long, with back, Sale price \$4.50; Lounges, with fancy oak frame, 6ft long, regular \$12.00, Sale price \$7.50; Button Lounge, full size, fancy Tapestry covering with deep fringe, regular \$15.00, sale price \$9.00; Imitation Leather Lounge, regular \$35.00, sale price \$18.50; Bed Lounges, covered with fancy Tapestry and green plush trimming, regular \$25.00, sale price \$18.50; Bed Lounge, fancy oak frame, covered petti point tapestry, regular \$22.50, Sale price \$16.50; We will make-up any of the above at sale prices, for this month.

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- LOST—A bunch of keys. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward.

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AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE. Could there be a more perfect illustration of the freedom which exists wherever the British flag flies than is afforded by the legislatures in session in all parts of the Empire to-day? In Great Britain the Imperial Parliament, in Canada the Dominion and the various local legislatures, in Australia the parliament of the Commonwealth and the minor bodies of the various states, are now, or soon will be, in session making the laws for millions of free and independent people. In a few years to these will be added great and important assemblies at the Cape, and perhaps the day may not be so far distant as some imagine when the millions of India will have a large voice in their affairs. What a scene may have been the motives which which the first British adventurers entered upon their possessions in what was at that time one of the most unhappy countries in the world, what with superstitions and dogmatism and oppressions of all kinds, there is now to doubt about the beneficence of British rule or the devotion of the men who are sent out there to the work of lifting the awful load of misery which has so long crushed the unfortunate inhabitants of that unhappy country. Having all these things in mind, it seems unfortunate that any word should be uttered in the Imperial Parliament which should imply doubt as to what is in store for the people of South Africa in the future. The Times has never been a lover of Toryism, whether of the Imperial or any other variety, but it must be confessed that all through this South African controversy the government has occupied strong ground. Evidence of this has been furnished by the feelings of the people both at home and in the colonies. The Irish gentleman who refuses to accept the testimony Canada and Australia have already given of their belief in the justice of the British cause would not have long to wait for the voting of one million or many millions of pounds if it was thought for a moment that the Mother Land were in need of assistance of that kind. We have been taught in the school of experience, and we know that there will be no discrimination in favor of or against any race in the South African possessions when the present unhappy trouble is at an end. We predict that the present generation shall not pass away before some Britisher of Dutch descent will arise in a South African Parliament and give utterance

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TO CURE THE GRIP IN TWO DAYS. Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause. Yesterday morning's session of the Grand Council of British Columbia, Royal Templars of Perseverance, was taken up largely with routine work. The meeting was held in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Grand Councillor McArthur presiding. The committee on credentials reported three delegates from New Westminster, one from Chilliwack, and two from Vancouver, entitled to the grand council degree. An interesting report was read from the grand councillor and referred to the several committees for consideration. The report of Grand Secretary J. Johnson was a very encouraging one. Two new councils had been instituted during the year, while the membership had increased by over 50. The sick and funeral benefit fund had had a gratifying record during the year. The membership in the fund had increased, and the cash balance was also larger than last year. During the year there had been heavy expenditures for benefits. The grand treasurer's report was presented, showing a healthy condition of the finances, and an increased balance. Upon assembling again at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, reports were received from several committees. An adjournment was made upon the invitation of Bro. W. A. Gleason to visit the "dry-dock" at Esquimalt. The delegates were shown through H. M. S. Warship, and witnessed the preparations for floating the vessel. At 5 o'clock business was resumed, the occasional committees transacting considerable business. At the evening session the committee on memorials brought in a report expressive of sorrow upon the death of the late Queen, and condolence to the Royal family, the memorial to be forwarded through the Governor-General of Canada. A report dealing with improvements to the select degrees was adopted. The committee upon temperance and prohibition presented a report containing many suggestions. The committee of the sick and funeral benefit fund also reported, suggesting improvements. Dr. Ernest Hall, upon an invitation to be present and address the council, was attentively listened to by those present. A number of members of Victoria Council No. 2, were present at the evening session. TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS. The grand council opened in due form at half-past nine o'clock, the grand councillor presiding. The trustees presented their report, recommending the payment of assessments, and giving an approximate estimate of the expenditure and revenue for the coming year. A general discussion on certain clauses in the constitution took place, and resulted beneficially to the grand council. This concluded the routine business of the grand council. The election of officers for the ensuing year next took place, and resulted as follows: Grand councillor, J. A. Johnson, New Westminster; grand vice-councillor, Mrs. B. E. Henry, Vancouver; grand secretary, J. C. McArthur, New Westminster; grand chaplain, Rev. J. P. Bowell, New Westminster; grand treasurer, J. J. Johnston, New Westminster (re-elected, 7th term); grand auditor, H. L. Calvert, Vancouver; grand herald, J. H. Yes, Victoria; Grand trustees, J. C. Robertson, Chilliwack, 3 years; E. R. Cook, Nanaimo, 2 years; and T. J. Beatty, Vancouver, 1 year. Medical referee, Dr. Brydone-Jack, Vancouver. Executive committee, J. J. Johnson, A. J. Paterson and Robt. Buckland. R. Buckland, acting bombast committee. The following officers were next appointed: A. Horwell, Agassiz, grand sentinel; A. J. Paterson, Vancouver, grand guard; Mrs. H. E. Troop, New Westminster, grand superintendent of cadets. The thanks of the grand council were tendered the members of Victoria Council No. 2, for their kindness during the stay of the grand officers and delegates while in the city. A special vote of thanks was tendered to the grand medical referee, Dr. Brydone-Jack, Vancouver, for his kindness during the year. Upon motion, the thanks of the grand council were ordered to be conveyed to the management of the C. P. N. Co. for their kindness in making special rates to the grand council. The grand council was closed in due form at 1 o'clock to meet again in Vancouver in 1902. Next Tuesday Evening—City Band at A. O. U. W. Hall. Last night of the programme showing Bryan and Croker at "Searchlight," 62 Foot.

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Ladies' Neckwear Novelties.
Ladies' Point d'Esprit, Silk and Chiffon Neckties, Special 75c to \$2.75
Ladies' Fine Lace Collars, Suffer Shape, Latest Novelties, 60c to 90c ea
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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Feb. 15.—5 a. m.—An ocean area of low pressure, which yesterday appeared off Vancouver Island, has developed over the province, and is moving southward along the American coast. Light rain has fallen in this district, the fall, however, being much heavier in Western Washington and Oregon; light snow is reported from Baker City, in the latter state. Temperatures have risen on the Coast west of the ranges; a high barometric area covers central Oregon, Idaho, Montana and the Northwest Territories. East of the Rockies the weather is mostly fair and temperatures moderate.

DRILL HALL CONCERT.
Attractive Programme and "Extras" for To-Morrow Evening.
An especially good programme has been prepared for to-morrow evening's professional concert at the drill hall, on which occasion the regimental band will be assisted by Mrs. Walter Staneland, soprano soloist, of Toronto; A. Parritt, tenor soloist, and the Metropolitan orchestra of fourteen pieces, under the direction of Mr. Aaron Parritt. The complete programme follows:
PART I.
Overture—"Orpheus"..... Offenbach
Oriental Patrol—"La Caravane"..... Asbach
Vocal Solo—"The Death of Nelson"..... Mrs. W. Staneland
Brahm
Selection fr. "Les Huguenots"..... Meyerbeer
PART II.
Waltzes—"Ninetta"..... Bendix
(a) March—"Four Emperors"..... Tenny
(b) Overture—"La Diadem"..... Herman
Metropolitan Orchestra, A. Parritt, conductor.
Vocal Solo—Selected..... Mrs. W. Staneland
Selection fr. "The Jolly Musketeers"..... Edwards
Finale—March—"La Fiesta"..... Tancovieri
God Save the King.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.
Skates, Skates, at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas Street.
Scissors, table and pocket cutlery, razors, etc. Shore's Hardware.
You will find it in the B. C. Guide, 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.
The canteen grounds at Esquimalt are being thoroughly underdrained. The Cateral drains are being laid very close to one another and should keep the grounds perfectly dry.

Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Price, per gallon, \$3.10; per quart, 75c. New England Hotel.
Last evening one of the tram cars on the Esquimalt road ran into a canal near Rock Bay crossing. The animal was so mangled that Special Officer Wesley Harper found it necessary to kill it.

The hearing of charges against Crocker and Currier will be continued in the police court on Saturday behind closed doors. The former is charged with committing an unnatural offence, the latter with criminal assault upon a girl under 14 years of age.
Where is the Searchlight? Why, 62 Fort street. What is the "Searchlight"? A continuous exhibition of Edison's moving pictures showing all the latest subjects possible to get for ladies, children and gents. What does it cost at "Searchlight"? Only 10c for adults and 5c for children under 10.

Messrs. Brown & Cooper, the well known Johnson street fish dealers, have opened a branch store at 31 Government street in order to better accommodate their James Bay patrons. They have also entered into the fish curing business, and when the supply of fish permits, cater to the wholesale as well as the retail business. Their branch store is conveniently situated, and an order in one can as conveniently be filled in the other.

Lanoline and Witch Hazel Cream
Will cure rough skin and make it soft and white. Sold at 25c a pot by E. W. Fawcett & Co., Chemists, 49 Government St.
Isaac C. Atkinson, of the Port Angeles railroad, accompanied by Warren H. Loss and John D. Seery, two engineers of high standing, have been looking over the proposed routes of the Port Angeles & Eastern railroad. The party crossed the country from Beconerton and came on through Forts Ludlow, Gamble and Hadlock. It is declared that upon Mr. Loss's report depends the signing of the bonds of the company for a large amount, and should he report favorably, work will begin on the construction of the road within a short time.

SPECIAL PRICES. SPECIAL GOODS.
CALIFORNIA BUTTER, per block, \$4.40
CREAMERY BUTTER, per block, \$4.25
BEST GRAN. SUGAR, 18 lbs., 1.00
CHOICEST INDIAN TEA, per lb., .40
A.B.C. BLEND CEYLON TEA, per lb., .40
MY BLEND TEA, per lb., .35
HAMS, per lb., .15
BACON, CHOICEST, per lb., .18
SNOW FLAKE FLOUR, \$1.00
IMPERIAL FLOUR, 1.25
SELF-RISING BUCKWHEAT, .35
PANCAKE FLOUR, 2 for, .35
MAPLE SYRUP, 30 and 50
MOLASSES, New Orleans, bot., .25
BEST CANNED VEGETABLES, .10
RONDI TEA, .50

HARDRESS CLARKE.

TESTIMONIAL PRESENTED.
Pte. Anderson Receives Mark of Esteem From Court Northern Light.
Court Northern Light, A. O. F., at their regular meeting on Wednesday evening initiated two candidates and received two applications for membership. The High Court of England, having issued an appeal to the courts to make efforts to increase during the present year the membership to one million members, the local court decided to do its share. During the past two years the court has initiated more members than any other individual court in the order.

WILL CHANGE ALSO.
Steamer Scheme to Return to Old Schedule—Will Make an Extra Trip.
Steamer Scheme arrived at 6 a. m. to-day and left for the Sound shortly afterwards, being delayed on account of heavy fog. She will leave Seattle about the time to-night, arriving here at 7 a. m. to-morrow, and returning, will leave here at 8:30 a. m.

City Band's Concert and Dance at A. O. U. W. Hall next Tuesday.
BAGIN-FOWELL'S ECLIPSE.
Recruiting Officer Buzball Left Ottawa for Victoria Yesterday.
The following telegram, dated Ottawa, has been received by Col. Benson, D.O.C.:
"Ottawa, Feb. 15th.
'Capt. Buzball left here yesterday to commence recruiting at Victoria on 21st inst.
"ADJUTANT GENERAL."
Chief of Police Langley, Sergeants Redgrave and Walker, Detective Pattner and Police Officers Carson and Wood raided 43 Fiesguard street last night and captured thirty-three Chinamen in the act of gambling. They are appearing in the police court to-day. One of them has been convicted.

On the question of law, it was contended by previous cases that all lands belonged to the province excepting those in trust. Even if this applied to these lands, which he denied, the lands still belonged to the province, subject to the trust. But lands used by the war office of admiralty were clearly crown lands, and not subject to any trust or interest, and were totally outside the lands held as trusts.

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Mr. Duff's Address—Mr. Peters Had Not Concluded at Adjournment.
In the Supreme court this morning Mr. Duff commenced his address on behalf of the province in the Deadman's Island case.

Mr. Duff said in opening that the question was whether or not Deadman's Island was embraced within the limits of a military reserve existing at the time of confederation. A reserve could only be created by an executive act, and Mr. Peters must, in order to substantiate his contention, show that there was a reserve at the time of confederation, created by an executive act.

Mr. Duff claimed that Howes's evidence on cross-examination was founded on the practice in the office of interpreting red reserves as military reserves. He would not swear that there was more than the simple abbreviation "R" on Deadman's Island. Mr. Howes's recollection was so poor that much of his evidence should be adopted with considerable hesitation.

Mr. Duff's map, which was in regular use in the office, and which indicated reserves at other points, did not mark the island at all.
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Clerk—"This Louis 16th material is sixteen dollars a yard." Customer—"Well, haven't you any Louis 30th for thirty cents?"

COMMUNICATIONS.

SOUND SERVICE.

To the Editor: Referring to the question of double daily steamer service and competition on the route between Victoria and Sound points, may I ask you to kindly give me space for the following facts in the case of White Star...

PUGET SOUND SERVICE.

To the Editor: Attached hereto we have to hand you a copy of a letter we have to-day addressed to Mr. F. Elworthy, secretary of the B. C. Board of Trade, regarding the Puget Sound steam boat service...

BRAVERY IN BATTLE.

Curious Extracts From the Order Book of the Gallant Gen. Wolfe. Some curiously interesting matter has lately been unearthed from an old order book of the Twentieth Regiment...

BE A STRONG MAN



Nature intended you to be a strong man. You have the physique, the constitution, and yet you do not feel the vim, the sand, the ambition one would expect in a man of your age...

DR. McLAUGHLIN'S ELECTRIC BELT

With suspensory for weak men has brought strength, ambition and happiness to ten thousand men in the past year. The grand invigorating electric current is given to the weakened nerves and organs...

Dr. M. E. McLaughlin

106 1/2 Columbia Street Seattle, Wash.

FREE BOOK—I want you to call for my book, but you can't call, send for my book which gives full information and is worth \$10 to any weak man. Sent free, closely sealed.

class shows compare well with the best in Bond street and Regent street. The windows of private houses do not look out on the street, but upon the courtyard. The furniture is always extremely simple, and generally books, drawings and scrolls of writings are the principal features.

THOSE WORRYING PILES

One application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will give you comfort. Applied every night for three to six nights and a cure is effected in the most stubborn cases of Piles, Bleeding, or Itching Piles.

EARLY CHINESE BANKNOTES.

It was in 1694 that the Bank of England issued its first banknote, but at that time such valuable little pieces of paper had been in circulation in China for three centuries.

POSSSS THE BEST QUALITIES.

While English Pills possess the best qualities and virtues for the cure of Constipation and Indigestion. They are unequalled for removing waste matters from the system which cause disease and suffering.

WHAT CHINA LOOKS LIKE.

Pen Pictures of Town and Country Scenes in the Flowery Land. In some parts of China the type of country made familiar to us by the famous "willow-pattern" plates may be recognized.

ET CORSETS

Made in the most up-to-date Factory—by the very latest Machinery from perfect models. They are as comfortable and durable as they are elegant.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

STORE STREET, VICTORIA, B.C. OPEN FROM 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M. The Institute is free for the use of sailors and shipping generally.

OPANIC Steamship Company

Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. S.S. MARIPOSA, Sat. Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. S.S. SIERRA, to sail Wednesday, March 13, at 9 p.m.

THE White Pass and Yukon Route

PACIFIC AND ARCTIC RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION CO. BRITISH COLUMBIA YUKON RAILWAY CO. CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD. The Atlin, Klondike and Yukon Gold Fields can be reached via THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROUTE.

Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. (LIMITED)

Wharf Street, Victoria. Time Table No. 35—Taking Effect November 15th 1900. Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, 7 a.m. Daily at 1:15 o'clock p.m. or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

WHEN GOING EAST TAKE THE

Canadian Pacific Railway.

Through cars to Boston, Montreal, Toronto and St. Paul. Steamship and sleeping car berths reserved. For rates and all information apply to E. J. COYLE, B. W. GREER, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agent, Victoria, B.C.

NORTH BOUND

Trains leave Victoria for Wellington and intermediate stations at 9:00 a.m. daily, Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. and 3:10 p.m.

Through Tickets on Sale to Alberni

Stage leaves Nanaimo every Tuesday and Friday. Returning, leaves Alberni every Monday and Thursday.

Mount Sicker Stage from Duncan

Stage leaves Duncan daily except Sunday. For rates and all information apply at Company's Office.

"The Milwaukee"

A familiar name for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, known all over the Union as the Great Railway running the "Pioneer Limited" trains every day and night between St. Paul and Chicago.

Reduced Rates

PORT TOWNSEND AND SEATTLE. FARE, 25c. BERTHS, 25c. FREIGHT 50c PER TON. MAIL STR. SEHOMÉ. Arrive daily, except Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Leave daily, except Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Agency Atlantic S.S. Lines

Steamer Iroquois

Connecting with the Victoria & Sidney Railway (weather permitting), will sail as follows: Monday and Thursday—Leave Sidney at 8 a.m., calling at Fulford, Ganong, Mayne, Fernwood, Gabriola and Nanaimo.

JOHN MESTON

Carriage Maker, Blacksmith, Etc. BROAD ST., BETWEEN PANDORA AND JOHNSON.

Atlantic Steamship Sailings.

Cambrian-Dominion Line. Fr. Portland. Vancouver-Dominion Line. Fr. Mar. 13. Nanaimo-Allan Line. Fr. Mar. 17. Courtenay-Allan Line. Fr. Mar. 20.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

City, St. Louis and all points east and southeast. For rates and all information apply to G. A. CHARLTON, General Agent, Victoria, B.C.

THE GREAT NORTHERN

75 Government Street, Victoria, B.C. Passengers can leave and arrive daily by steamers through Seattle and Tacoma, connecting at Seattle with overland flyer.

THE NORTH-WESTERN'S Fast Mail

THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE. Have added two more trains to the Fast Mail to their St. Paul-Okeana service, making eight trains daily.

Victoria & Sidney RAILWAY.

Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney as follows: DAILY: Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

Spokane Falls & Northern R'y Co. Nelson & Ft. Sheppard R'y Co. Red Mountain R'y Co.

The only all rail route between all points east, west and south to Rosland, Nelson and all intermediate points; connecting at Spokane with the Great Northern Northern Pacific and O.R. & N. Co.

Free Cure For Men.

A new remedy which quickly cures men's weakness, rheumatism, etc., and restores the organs to strength and vigor. Dr. L. W. Keppel, 2044 Hull Building, Detroit, Mich., freely sends free the "recipe" of this wonderful remedy in order that every weak man may cure himself at home.

CONSTIPATION

Cured by using GARFIELD TEA. ALL DRUGGISTS. 25 CENTS.

E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent Steamers Rosalie, Victoria, February 14th, 1901.

Provincial News.

ROCKS. A successful haul was made on Thursday, February 7th, for the benefit of the sufferers by the recent fire. The proceeds came to \$152, and with this nearly \$200 have in all been raised for the local fire relief fund.

HOSSLAND. Leon Bodkin, a nucker at the Le Roi mine, was accidentally killed on the 10th-foot level of the Le Roi mine on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. No one was with him at the time of his death and the exact circumstances must forever remain in some doubt.

VANCOUVER. The Firemen's Benefit Association has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Hon. President, Mayor Townley; Hon. Vice-President, A. W. Cameron; President, Chief Carlisle; Vice-President, Capt. Thompson; Secretary, Capt. James Lester.

SHOES THAT HURT. Shoes that pinch can be made comfortable by using #4049-BLM—25 cts., at drug stores.

TWENTIETH CENTURY METHODS OF TREATING CANCER. The Surgeon's Knife, the Paste and the Plaster Supplanted by the New Method of Constitutional Treatment.

SEASON. Chief Thompson of the fire department, was confined to the general hospital on Sunday evening. He is suffering from a severe cold which he contracted while recovering from a bad attack of influenza.

THEIR CLAIMS SET AT REST. The claim of other cough medicines to be as good as Chamberlain's are effectually set at rest in the following testimonial of Mr. C. D. Glass, an employe of Bartlett & Dennis Co., Gardiner, Me.

TO THE DEAF. A rich lady, cured of her deafness and tinnitus in the head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$5,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free.

Illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress, with text 'Prof. Antique—Do you fellows out beat are few Archaeology? Loose Gulch Ike—Well, er—make mine whiskey and red pepper.'

continue until a thaw breaks up the ice. A large specially built and equipped for the work is used as an ice breaker, and with this it is impossible for the steamer to make better time than half speed.

COW WORSHIP IN AFRICA. Two short marches on February 5th and 6th brought us to a long pool of still water, but here the river bed spread out in many little dried-up ditches, that lost themselves within a quarter of a mile in the plain.

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Advertisement for Photo Engraving Co. featuring a large illustration of a camera and text: 'Photo Engraving Co. 16 BROAD ST. VICTORIA, B.C. BEST EQUIPPED ESTABLISHMENT IN THE NORTHWEST A Specialty Made of Catalogue Work'

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charming from Vancouver—Lieut. Callihore, J. Dalton, W. Poole, G. E. Stephenson, E. Hume, G. A. Wood, D. Spencer, C. R. King, J. Casement, F. Fraser, M. Redburn, T. Bradbury, Prof. Jouty, Miss Cernack, J. Solder, R. O. Elliott, A. Wallace, G. F. Porter, E. B. Kelly, W. Wolf, W. Sell, Mrs. Smith, G. W. Robertson, A. W. Smith, R. McElrath, A. C. Thomson, A. G. Sargison, A. Breweber, Miss Callihore, F. Noble, F. A. Carley, Mrs. Casement, Miss Casement, Miss Nell.

TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns for High Water and Low Water, showing times and heights for various dates in February 1901.

ROMANCES OF THE WAR.

Soldiers Who Have Been Reported Dead and Then Turned Up Again. Private Fred Burgess, 2nd Lancashires, reported captured at Ypres on December 11th, had previously been reported killed.

CONSIGNERS.

Per steamer Charming from Vancouver—Wilson Bros., Erskine, W. & Co., T. Shotbolt, W. A. Ward, J. L. Lister, C. R. P. Elthet & Co., R. Wolfenden, J. J. Russell, Geo. Watson, E. F. Gelger, E. G. Prior & Co., Jim Cook, Yuen, Wing Chong, J. W. Mellor, M. Guttman, Henderson Bros., W. Bailey, Shalton & M. Johns Bros., Thos. Earle, H. Clark, Karsman, H. & Co., F. Carne, Reed Bros., D. Sprague, Deon Express.

A QUESTION OF TACTICS.

"Ma, am I gald to get 'nother plate of 'I scream 'ides this un?'" "Why, little Jim?" "Cause, ma, I wan to know whether to gobble this un up er drag it out."

A CONVINCING ANSWER.

"I hobbled into Mr. Blackmon's drug store one evening," says Wesley Nelson, of Hamilton, Ga., "and he asked me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with which I had suffered for a long time. I told him I had no faith in any medicine as they all failed. He said: 'Well if Chamberlain's Pain Balm does not help you, you need not pay for it.' I took a bottle of it home and used it according to the directions and in one week I was cured, and have not since been troubled with rheumatism." Sold by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The health of infants is of great importance. Castoria is a safe, reliable, and effective medicine for infants and children.

Advertisement for Ralston Physical Culture, featuring text: 'RALSTON PHYSICAL CULTURE first lessons on February 4th, 1901. Mrs. D. B. Harris, certified teacher, is prepared to receive pupils. Special classes for children. For terms, etc., apply by letter, or at 42 Superior Street, James Bay. Arrangements made for evening classes.'

RESERVE, GRAHAM ISLAND. Notice is hereby given that the Crown lands on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Strait, are reserved until further notice.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE. CASSIAR DISTRICT. Notice is hereby given that the reservation placed on Crown lands situated in the Bennett Lake and Atlin Lake Mining Divisions of Cassiar District, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 13th September, 1898, is hereby cancelled.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. MOUNT BAKER WAGON ROAD. Sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for Mount Baker Wagon Road," will be received by the undersigned up to and including Saturday, the 23rd instant.

MINERS ATTENTION! BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. BENNETT'S "CROWN BRAND." A large advertisement for Bennett's Crown Brand, featuring a crown illustration and text about mining equipment and safety.

NOTICE. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ENGLISH, DECEASED. All persons indebted to the above estate are required to pay the amount due forthwith, and all persons having claims against the above estate are required to send in their accounts, duly verified, on or before the 9th day of March, 1901.

MORTGAGE SALE. Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 21st day of February, 1901, for the purchase of these parcels of land described as Lots 6 and 7, Block 8, portion of Secs. 2 and 41, part of Subdivisions 1 and 3, Oak Bay Estate, according to a plan filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., as No. 378.

Notice to Dairymen and Milk Venders. Notice is hereby given that from and after the 1st day of March next the provisions of the "Milk Vending By-Law" will be enforced, and all persons interested are hereby requested to govern themselves accordingly.

STODDART'S JEWELLERY STORE. 83 YATES STREET. ONE DOOR ABOVE BROAD STREET. A STRONG NICKEL WATCH. Stemwind and set, full jewelled escapement, warranted 5 years, special reduced price, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

M. R. SMITH & CO., LD. Dog Biscuits. ARE THE BEST. Ask Your Grocer For Them. "SEARCHLIGHT" Showing steamer Baltic leaving North River, N. T. Wm. Jennings Brown and Croker, Uncle Josh in Spook Hotel, Panoramie View of Washington, D. C., A Letter from the Home Land, Yellowstone Falls, Learning Baby to Smoke Opium, Santa Claus' Visit, The Celebrated Gray Family of English Acrobats, X-Rays (comic).

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. 52 BARR STREET. Board and lodging on moderate terms, with special reduced rates for double-bedded rooms. Young women arriving by train and steamers will be met, if the notice is given to the Matron.

ANDREW SHERET, Plumber. 102 Fort St. Car, Blanchard & Co., Steam and Hot Water Fitters.

Prescriptions

Constitute the most important feature of our business. You may rely upon getting just what the doctor ordered, of the best quality, combined in the exact proportions with the highest pharmaceutical skill.

John Cochrane CHEMIST N. W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

Auction Sale

OF FURNITURE, BICYCLE, REMINGTON TYPEWRITER, BRASS BED-STEADS, ETC.

On Friday, February 15th, at 2 p. m. In Our Salerooms, 34 Fort Street.

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Ex-Mayor Garden Accepts Nomination to Oppose E. Macpherson in Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Feb. 15.—Bullens's marine railways in Victoria and Vancouver are about closing negotiations for the purchase of \$70,000 worth of machinery to build a fleet of lumber vessels. Ex-Mayor Garden this morning formally accepted the nomination as independent candidate to oppose Mr. Macpherson. His principal supporters are Conservatives, who did not wish to take definite action as a party. D. G. Macdonell has received a telegram that D. D. Mann will arrive here next Thursday to attend the opening of the house. He will ascertain if there is any probability of a renewal of the subsidy for the V. V. & E. railway.

THE DOWAGER EMPRESS

Her Condition Reported to Be More Serious Than at Any Time During Illness.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Mail has the following from its Berlin correspondent: "I learn that the condition of Dowager Empress Frederick is more serious than at any time during her illness. King Edward is expected to visit her within a few days."

OTTAWA NOTES

Former Conservative Whip Dead—Opposition Not Ready For Business Today.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Rufus Stephenson, at one time member for Keewauwinistik, and lately collector of customs, Charlham, died today. He was once Conservative whip. The opposition was not prepared to go on with the estimates today, and Mr. Maclean was not ready with his resolution, so the House adjourned without doing any work.

Orders have been received from Ottawa today by Lieut.-Col. Benson, D. O. C., stating that the practice at Red Hill arranged for to-morrow afternoon for the Fifth Regiment, C. A., is not to take place. In this connection the parade of 3, 4, 5 and 6 companies, Fifth Regiment, called for to-morrow at 1:30 o'clock, is cancelled. The following is the telegram received: "Col. Benson, Victoria, B. C.: Cancel gun practice arranged for 15th. Letter follows. Signed Colonel Cottin."

Hear Mrs. Walter Staneland at drill hall to-morrow night.

In the Supreme court this morning before Mr. Justice Walkem an application for an injunction by Ah Gong against Herman & Co. was dismissed with costs. The injunction was to restrain the defendants from hiring others than the plaintiff to put up the pack of salmon at Point Eslington during the season of 1901.

Bargains are everywhere all the year round, not the exception, at Weiler's. Our large buying in carload lots for cash enables us to give best value every day in year.

Mr. Aaron Parfitt will sing at the drill hall concert to-morrow night.

INSPECTED STRATHCONA'S.

(Continued from page 1.)

Report Officially Denied.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—A report was sent out from Ottawa last night stating that another contingent was to be sent from Canada to South Africa, apart from the police that are being raised for South Africa. Dr. Borden was seen to-day regarding the matter, and he gave it a flat denial. He said that there was absolutely no truth in it.

A cable was received to-day from Sir Alfred Milner stating that Sergt. Craddock, of the Canadian scouts, was wounded on February 4th. His place of residence is unknown.

BIG STEAMBOAT DEAL

Property of Canadian Development Company Passes Into Hands of W. P. & Y. Railway.

A telegram has been received in this city to-day announcing that a deal has been effected through which the White Pass & Yukon railway has acquired the Canadian Development Co.'s property, comprising a fleet of twelve steamers. These vessels are the Victorian, Columbian, Canadian, Anglian, Yukoner, Australian, Tasmanian, Zealandian, Sybil, Balfour, Mary E. Graft, and Leon. By the acquisition of such a fleet the White Pass & Yukon railway will have possession of sixteen vessels, the Hamilton

Sporting News

BASKETBALL

THE MATCH AT NANAIMO.

The basketball teams which play in the open house, Nanaimo, on Saturday night are: Victoria, West-T. Crawford, O. Fairbairn, W. H. (captain), E. Jacobson, G. Andrews, Nanaimo—J. Bennett, T. Turner, M. McCann, Russell Simpson (captain), J. Murray.

HOCKEY

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

As announced in yesterday's Times, a game will be played to-morrow afternoon at Vancouver between the ladies' hockey team of Victoria and the ladies' team of Vancouver. The Victoria ladies have been practicing regularly, and an excellent game will undoubtedly take place. Victoria will be represented by the following players: Forwards, Misses M. Lowe, E. Rant, W. Wilson, Mason and D. Davie; half backs, Misses E. Rade and Davie and Mrs. Innes; full backs, Misses Earle and Williams; goal, Miss B. Hartnagle.

THE KENNEL

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF KENNEL CLUB.

A meeting of the members of the local kennel club has been called for Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Dr. Holder's office, Fort street. The meeting has not been called for the purpose of transacting any business, but for the sole purpose of creat-

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—Excellent "extras" at the drill hall promenade concert to-morrow night.

—Two of the Puget Sound tugboat fleet have returned to the Sound after making an exhaustive but ineffective search for the Hala. They report that the Hala was never reported.

—Buy an "Outlook" to-morrow, Chinese Immigration, Ed. No. 4. All book stores.

—Don't miss the promenade concert at the drill hall to-morrow evening.



ROBERT L. BORDEN, K. C., M. P., The New Leader of the Conservative Party.

Ogilvie, McConnell and Dawson having been recently purchased. In addition it is said that the Walsh and another steamer will in all probability come under the company's flag. The deal is one of the biggest in the history of northern transportation, and will give to the railway company a more economical and advantageous system of handling its business. J. H. Greer, the local agent of the company, when asked this afternoon, could give no official confirmation of the story.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

(Published by the B. C. Stock Exchange, Limited.)

New York, Feb. 15.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange to-day:

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes American Sugar, American Tobacco, People's Gas, Manhattan, C. M. & St. P., C. R. I. & P., C. B. & Q., E. R. T., Federal Steel, Am. E. & W.

TORONTO STOCK QUOTATIONS.

(Published by B. H. Hurst & Co., 35 Post Street.)

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes B. C. Gold Fields, Black Tail, Emson and Golden Cr., Canadian G. P. S., Cariboo McKinney, Cariboo Hydraulic, North Star, Crow's Nest Pass Coal, California, Deer Trail Con., Evening Star, Fairview Corp., Golden Star, Giant, Iron Mask, Knob Hill, Granby Smelter, Morning Glory.

Sales—B. C. G. F., 2,000 at 2 1/2, 50 days, 2,000 at 3; Republic, 500 at 4 1/2; California, 3,000 at 4 1/2, 500 at 4 1/2; Hammond Reef (30 days), 500 at 1 1/2, 500 at 1 1/2; White Bear, 500 at 4 1/2, 500 at 4 1/2.

—News was received here this morning that Pte. Court has arrived at Halifax on route home from South Africa. He was last reported in London, Eng.

—Job lot of cross-cut saws to be sold at less than half price. Shore's Hardware.

HUNT CLUB MEET.

The Victoria Hunt Club will hold their weekly run to-morrow afternoon. Members will meet at Colwood at 2:30 o'clock.

Geo. Hannah, passenger traffic manager of the Allan steamship line, Montreal, is in the city looking after the interests of that well known company.

—Hear the Metropolitan orchestra at the drill hall to-morrow night.

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